

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: LeCluyse, Edward L., et al.

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For: METHOD OF SCREENING CANDIDATE COMPOUNDS FOR
SUSCEPTIBILITY TO BILIARY EXCRETION

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Deleted text is enclosed in brackets ([]). Added text is underlined.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11, 13-23, and 39-66.

Please amend claim 25 as follows:

25. (Twice Amended) A method of screening a candidate compound
in vitro for susceptibility to *in vivo* biliary excretion by an endogenous sinusoidal
or canalicular transport system, or by both sinusoidal and canalicular transport
systems, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a culture of hepatocytes, the culture comprising
at least one bile canaliculus;
- (b) simultaneously exposing a candidate compound and a pre-
selected amount of a marker compound that is a substrate
for an endogenous sinusoidal or canalicular transport
system, or for both sinusoidal and canalicular transport
systems to the culture for a time sufficient to allow uptake;

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